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Application of: Niino *et al.*

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 8, 2002 ("Office Action"), please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Submitted herewith is a marked-up copy of the amendments made to the claims.

Also, submitted herewith is a Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please substitute claim 2 with the following:

B1
2. (Amended) The ABA type block copolymer according to Claim 1, wherein B' is a hydrogenated polybutadiene containing 80-95 mol.% of 1,2-bonds and 5-20 mol.% of 1,4-bonds.